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A PROGRESS REPORT FROM DR. JAMES DOBSON

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Dear Friends,

In February of this year, I sent a letter to the entire constituency of this ministry (including *your* household) expressing my great concern for today's young people and the "safe-sex" myth they have been taught. I stated that millions of teenagers and young adults now have a sexually transmitted disease . . . and some are dying . . . because they believed irresponsible sex without consequences was possible. Time has revealed the viciousness of that lie, despite $3 billion in propaganda by the U.S. government.

Toward the end of my letter I added these final comments:

> Ladies and gentlemen, I want to say something to you at this point that has not been written in any of my monthly letters. It is this: *I need to hear from you on this subject* . . . I would find it very encouraging to know that you recognize the danger as well . . . that you are concerned about a generation of our best and brightest. No, writing a letter to me won't change our precarious situation, but it will help us carry on with the struggle. At this moment, it seems like the opposition outnumbers our troops about 10,000 to one. A word or two of support would be welcome, and your prayers would be *most* appreciated.

Well, I'm writing this month to say "thank you." We were overwhelmed by the responses from more than 50,000 people who wrote or called to say, "We stand with you in this struggle! Do everything you can to defend our kids!" More than 100,000 copies of the booklet "Quick Facts on Safe Sex" were requested.

I can't tell you how encouraged our staff was to know that the danger to this generation is recognized widely and that the commitment exists to confront it. Additional information released by a congressional committee since my February letter validates our concern about the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The following news item appeared in *USA Today* April 13, 1992:

> AIDS cases among teens and young adults grew 77 percent in the past two years. And the 9,000 cases among 13- to 24-year-olds form just the tip of an iceberg: Thousands more are likely HIV-infected; millions more are at risk, says a report by a House Committee on Children, Youth and Families.

What a frightening report! One would have expected our leaders in Congress to have issued a warning from the dome of the Capitol about promiscuous sex and other dangerous behavior. Not a chance. The liberally-controlled House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families concluded that what our kids need now is . . . *more about condom usage*! And the beat goes on.

Focus on the Family has taken a dramatic step to help counteract this propaganda. On April 14, we published a full-page ad in *USA Today* (copy enclosed) proclaiming the dangers of the "safe-sex" philosophy. The response from the media was incredible. Dozens of calls came from newspapers, secular radio and television stations and various wire services. This one ad began to generate doubts, we hope and pray, about the Planned Parenthood philosophy that has dictated policies toward adolescents for more than two decades.

Thankfully, many individuals and pro-family organizations have also run our ad in their local or statewide newspapers. To date, it has been reprinted in 27 publications around the United States. Not only is this vital to challenging the bankrupt governmental policy, but the ad places valuable information in the hands of parents and educators. Note that extensive references are provided for each factual statement, so the data can be used in school board meetings and other public forums.

Again, I'm writing today to say "thank you" for supporting us in this effort. Our abstinence video and television projects are in full swing, and I'll have more to tell you about them later.

Please continue to stay in touch with us, won't you? As indicated, we can only fight this battle with your help, financially and prayerfully. Together, we will end this madness called "safe sex."

Sincerely,

James C. Dobson, Ph.D.
President

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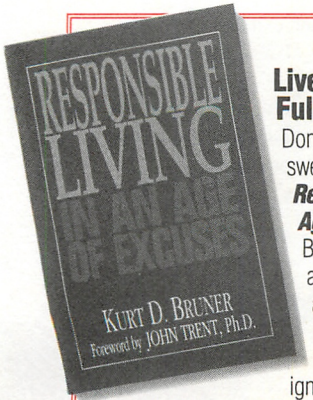

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